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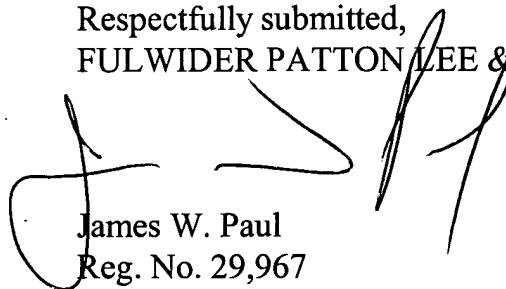
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August 10, 2001 (copy attached) applicant submits herewith substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(g), together with a copy of the Correction Cover Letter.

We trust that the attached substitute patent drawings are acceptable to the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,
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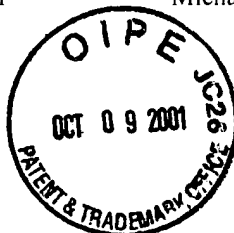
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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

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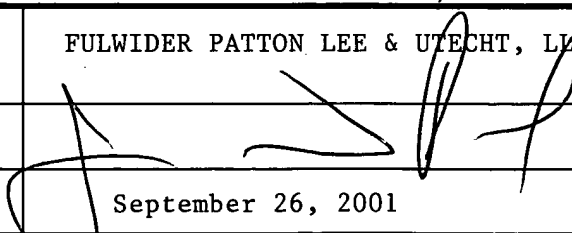
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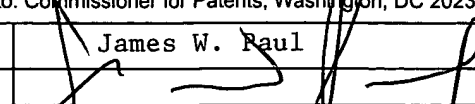
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